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SUBJECT: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JOINT BULGARIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL

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1. DURING JANUARY 13 CONVERSATION WITH FIRST DEPUTY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE LUKANOV, HE RAISED WITH DCM TIMING OF MEETING OF JOINT BULGARIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL. AFTER EXPRESSING GENUINE SATISFACTION WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL AND AMERICAN BOARD MEMBERSHIP, HE WONDERED IF PLAN TO HAVE FIRST MEETING DURING PLOVDIV FAIR SERVED BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED.

2. LUKANOV NOTED THAT IF FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL IS PUT OFF UNTIL SEPTEMBER A GOOD DEAL OF THE EARLIER MOMENTUM WILL HAVE BEEN LOST. IF MEETING IS HELD DURING FAIR WHEN EVERYONE IS BUSY WITH ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH FAIR, IT WILL NOT RECEIVE ATTENTION OR PUBLICITY IT DESERVES THAT WOULD BE ACCORDED IF IT WAS A SEPARATE EVENT AND NOT JUST ONE AMONG NUMEROUS OTHERS. INSTEAD OF SEPTEMBER, LUKANOV SUGGESTED END OF MAY OR BEGINNING OF JUNE AS BEST TIME FOR MEETING.

3. LUKANOV NOTED THAT IT ALMOST CERTAIN A DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE WILL HEAD BULGARIAN COUNCIL SECTION. IF THIS IS THE CASE IT GIVES LUKANOV'S OPINION RE TIMING OF MEETING CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

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4. EMBASSY COMPLETELY CONCURS WITH LUKANOV'S REASONING  
REGARDING TIMING OF FIRST COKCCIL MEETING AND URGES USDOC  
AND FATE TO EXPLAIN FULLY SITUATION TO U.S. CHAMBER  
AND WILLIAM F. MAYS, CHAIRMAN, U.S. SECTION (ALSO SEE  
REFTEL C). FURTHER BELIEVE QUESTION OF TIMING SHOULD  
BE DISCUSSED WITH BULGARIAN CHAIRMAN WHEN HE IS NAMED.  
WE ARE CONVINCED THAT FULL PARTICIPATION BY GOB  
OFFICIALS AND DESIRED PUBLICITY IS MUCH MORE LIKELY IN  
MAY/JUNE THAN IN SEPTEMBER.  
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